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**SHERIFF EDWARD N. BONNER RELEASES THE FOLLOWING:** The Optimist Club of Incline Village recently awarded two members of the Placer County Sheriff's Department Lake Tahoe Substation Respect for Law Awards. These are awards offered annually to recognize outstanding work in the community by Law Enforcement personnel. This year's recipients were Dispatcher Lind Norwood and Deputy John Shaw. Norwood, who has 19 years dispatch experience, was described as someone who is not only a skilled dispatcher but is professional, mature and displays high moral standards and values. When a fellow dispatcher was diagnosed with Lou Gehrig's disease she planned a raffle that resulted in nearly \$3000 being raised for his family. She also began the Adopt-A-Family program during the Christmas season at Lake Tahoe to help people in need and started a recycling program at the substation with all the money going to those less fortunate.

Shaw is a 9-year veteran who takes time out of his personal life to help chemically dependent people whom law enforcement comes in contact with on a daily basis. He became a mentor to those people by having meaningful contact with them rather than just taking them to jail. He attends Alcoholics Anonymous meetings twice a week to advise and counsel these folks and involves himself in court-approved follow-up to help encourage substance abstinence. He also checks on parolees and probationers in a positive manner to ensure compliance with terms and stops in to counsel problem juveniles that he has dealt with in the past. John has been described as a problem solver who rather than focus on arrest statistics concentrates on preventing the arrest in the first place. We are very proud of the dedication and commitment of these two employees who epitomize the work ethic of the Placer County Sheriff's Department. Copies of this press release are available on the Placer County Sheriff's Department website @ [PLACER.CA.GOV/SHERIFF](http://PLACER.CA.GOV/SHERIFF).

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